



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 9.30-14.30 Monday to Friday



Third Sunday of Advent

15th December 2019

Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me

## Mass Times

- 14th Sat St John of the Cross**  
9.30 Noel & Carmel Murray +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Alice Bryce Thanksgiving
- 15th Sun Third Sunday of Advent**  
10.00 Maria Figueiredo Thanksgiving  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 16th Mon FERIA**  
9.30 Margaret & Brian Gallagher +  
19.00 Penitential Service
- 17th Tue FERIA**  
9.30 John & Maria Hayes +  
11.00 Timothy Sweeney Funeral
- 18th Wed FERIA**  
9.30 Helen Iwo Thanksgiving
- 19th Thu FERIA**  
9.30 Patrick Dolan +
- 20th Fri FERIA**  
9.30 With St Joseph's School  
Anne Monahan +
- 21st Sat FERIA**  
9.30 James P Gallagher +  
10.00 Confessions  
17.30 Antonia Cafaro Rebecchini +
- 22nd Sun Third Sunday of Advent**  
10.00 Anne Thornton +  
15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

### Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

**Sunday Readings:** Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

### Cycle of Prayer, Advent & Christmas:

Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees,  
Expectant Mothers

**Next Week's Liturgy Group:** Luke

**Baptisms & Marriages:** Please contact the Parish Priest



John the Baptist, Chartres Cathedral 13th Century

### A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

God of glory and compassion  
at your touch the wilderness blossoms  
broken lives are made whole,  
and fearful hearts grow strong in faith.

Open our eyes to your presence  
and awaken our hearts to sing your praise.  
To all who long for your Son's return  
grant perseverance and patience,  
that we may announce in word and deed  
the good news of the kingdom.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near:  
your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. Amen

### Penitential Service

There will be a Penitential Service at 19.00 on Monday 16th December in preparation for Christmas. Advent is a penitential season and there is no better way to prepare for Christmas than to go to Confession. Several priests will be available.

### Christmas Offerings

Please find attached an envelope for your Christmas Offering for the Clergy. The envelopes can be used on Christmas Day (or any time if you are going away). Thank you for your generosity and I assure you of a warm remembrance in my prayers at Christmas and throughout the year. *Father Alex*

### Christmas Carol Service

We will be holding our traditional Christmas Carol Service next Sunday evening 22nd December at 19.00. Please come along. Refreshments afterwards in the Corry Hall. The Mayor of Wandsworth will be present. Donations of mince pies will be very welcome.

### Christmas Crib

All gifts at the Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

### Catholic Almshouse

There are a couple of vacancies for self-contained flats in a Catholic Almshouse in Brook Green suitable for single persons of limited means. See noticeboard.

God won't want to see your medals  
but your scars

### Children's Mass



18.00 on Christmas Eve

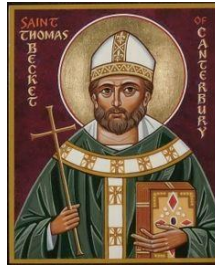
Children can dress up as Mary, Joseph,  
Angels, Shepherds, Kings etc

They do not truly love  
who do not show their love

*William Shakespeare*

### Forthcoming Dates

Penitential Service.....16th December  
Carol Service ..... 22nd December  
Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December  
Celebration of Parish Life..... 8th February



### Feast of St Thomas à Becket

We mark our patronal feast of St Thomas à Becket with mass on Sunday 29th December at 10.00. The special preacher will be Mgr. Keith Newton who is the Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

After the mass there will be a buffet in the Corry Hall in appreciation of those who have helped the parish during the year in whatever capacity including servers, singers, sacristans, musicians, cleaners, readers, Eucharistic ministers, catechists, ushers, counters, other volunteers, etc, etc. Please do come along and enjoy what promises to be a most convivial occasion.

### First Communion Class

The next First Communion class takes place on Saturday 11th January at 16.00 in the Corry Hall. It is expected that the children will attend the 5.30 evening mass that day.

### Sunday Teas and Coffees

Please remember that tea and coffee is served in the Corry Hall after 10.00 Sunday mass. It is a good occasion to meet your fellow parishioners.

### New Parishioners

If you are new to the Parish please complete a registration form which is available at the back of the Church. You are most welcome to the parish and to our primary school St Joseph's in Oakhill Road.

May joy come from God above  
To all those who Christmas love

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £647 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Organ Fund today 15th December, Organ Fund 22nd December

### Rotas

**Sunday Welcome & Coffee:** E. Chavez, R Martella n/w L. Northeast M Ascensao

**Readers:** Sat: R & S Jackson, M Slade Sun: A Burnett, T Greetham, A. Kane Blanes n/w Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: M & S Lee, Sun: G D'Monte, V Chima, A Kilcawley, R McMullan n/w Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C Kawesi, Sun: D Lyons, L Delos Santos, J Cato

**Little Church:** A Kilcawley, A Stacey n/w A Mann, J & N Neligan

**Tiny Church:** E Lueth n/w L Fernandes Ferreira

**Flowers:** A Robbins n/w V Barkho

**Royal Hospital:** C Kawesi n/w A Vanotti, M Lewis

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 14December